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Professor F. Lyman,

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My dear Professor Lyman:

I have been absent in the West for the last fortnight and only to-day received your letter asking me my opinion with regard to the ability of Professor F.F.Scott as a Lecturer. I should think from what I have heard that Professor Scott is a remarkably good lecturer. He preached for us at the University a year ago in our large Convocation Hall. It was a beautiful sermon and I think appealed to his hearers, though his voice is not strong enough for such a large building. In a smaller hall, however, I should think he would have no difficulty. He writes very clear English and is a lucid thinker. He has a pretty strong Scotch accent, but I have never heard from any one that there was any difficulty in understanding his lectures. You are aware I know of his high distinction as a scholar.

I am much indebted to you for sending me the letter from Professor von Dobschütz, which I have just read with a great deal of interest. It is to me most pathetic. We were charmed with Professor von Dobschütz when he stayed with us for two days last winter, and to think that we are now political enemies is one of the tragedies of life. The war reveals once more what I have so often noted that the German educated classes have had no opportunity of understanding the English view of the case. Probably their newspapers, perhaps somewhat like our own, give their own side

exclusively, and surely he cannot have read Sir Edward Grey's White paper. Also their view of the German treatment of Belgium seems to me to be as misinformed almost as it is possible to be. However in the matter of this kind we in Canada feel very strongly. We are persuaded that it is a war between military autocracy and real democracy and of right against might.

Please give my kind regards to the President and Dean Bosworth, and believe me, to be,

Yours sincerely,

President.